

GRILL SLEUTH WHO PRODUCED RAZOR

Caprio Admits He Was Convicted; Rebuked by Judge

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face. It was on the left side. I couldn't tell whether it was new or old."

Earlier in the trial John Stillwell, who drove Dr. Hall's hearse, testified to observing a two-inch fresh scratch on Mrs. Hall's face. It is the state's contention that she received it in the struggle preceding the murder.

Case, cross examining Nagel, learned he had been a photographer's helper on the New York American.

Q. Who was with you that day? A. My photographer, Albert Schaltz.

Didn't Take Photo

Q. Where was Mrs. Hall when you saw this scratch? A. She was in her car, talking with another lady, who stood beside her door. They were laughing and joking.

Q. Did you take a picture of them, laughing and joking? A. No, we didn't have a small camera; we were sorry.

Q. You were then in the business of getting news for the American. Are you now working for the Mirror? A. No.

Q. Did you talk of this to the Mirror men? A. No.

Alfred Schaltz was then called.

Q. You were on the American and you are now on the Mirror? A. Yes.

Describes Scratch

Q. What did you notice on Mrs. Hall's face? A. A scratch on her left cheek, running to the mouth. It was two to three inches long.

Q. How far were you from Mrs. Hall when she raised her veil? A. About ten feet.

Q. You took no photographs the funeral day? Did you see a picture in the Mirror a few days ago, purporting to show Mrs. Hall with a scratch on her face? A. No, I heard about it.

"Did you get a picture of her at the grave?" Simpson asked.

"No, because Mrs. Hall did not unveil."

Simpson then offered as evidence the marriage records of Dr. and Mrs. Hall. The papers showed the minister to be 30 when he was married in July, 1911, and his wife 37. Sally Peters, who did not appear today when Simpson called her, was a witness to the marriage.

Miss Peters, long Mrs. Hall's close friend, lived with her after the murders and went to Italy with her. She has resisted state efforts to get her to New Jersey.

Frank Caprio, detective, who gave Simpson the Beekman razor, was called.

After Caprio said Azariah Beekman had employed him as an "under cover" sleuth in the 1922

And Thus She Spoke the Accusing Words



MRS. JANE GIBSON, the "pig woman," prone on her cot in the court house at Somerville, whither she had been dragged by Attorney Simpson to identify the murderers in the Hall-Mills tragedy. Dr. Charles Snyder of the Jersey City Hospital is shown at the left and Attorney Timothy Pfeiffer at the right.

probe, Simpson showed him a razor.

Given by Beekman

Q. Did you get this razor from Mr. Beekman? A. Yes.

Q. Did you deliver it to me in the same condition you got it? A. Yes.

Q. The day you got the razor, what did you see on Beekman's desk? A. An automatic pistol.

Q. Were you discussing this case when he gave you the razor? A. Yes.

The court had not permitted the witness to tell of Beekman's alleged comment on the razor as sworn to by the detective in an affidavit.

"This is the little thing that did the cutting," Beekman told Caprio, according to a statement before the trial by Prosecutor Simpson.

Watched Home

McCarte took over the witness. He said he ran a private detective agency and lived in Long Branch.

Q. When were you employed on the Hall case? A. On September 24.

Q. You say your duties were to watch Mrs. Hall's house? A. Yes,

for three weeks, then I quit. He told me to stop.

Q. How did you happen to be in Mr. Beekman's office in November? A. He called me over.

Q. And you've had that razor since? A. Yes, in my desk.

Q. You were dismissed from the Jersey City Police Department? A. No, not dismissed.

Q. On May 13, 1915, did you plead guilty to attempted extortion in the Court of General Sessions, New York county, and were you sentenced to the penitentiary for one year? A. No; aren't you confusing me with my brother. My name is Fortunato, they call me Frank.

Didn't Plead Guilty

Q. What is your answer? A. I did not plead guilty.

Q. Were you convicted? A. Not as I remember. That is twelve years ago. I don't recall.

Q. Didn't you spend a year on Blackwells Island? A. No.

Q. How long a time did you spend? A. I don't remember.

The witness caused the crowd to rock with laughter when he insisted that he did "not remember" conviction or serving time in jail. Justice Parker threatened to clear the courtroom and told the witness

to remove the gum he was chewing. The detective swallowed it in his excitement.

Q. Were you convicted in the Monmouth County Court of Quarter Sessions for obtaining money under false pretences? A. Yes.

Q. Did you serve a term? A. I appealed the case.

Denies Seeing Him Before

Q. When you recently visited me, didn't you tell me you had a friend who had a case that it would be beneficial for me to hear? A. You never saw me in your life until today.

McCarte had succeeded, it appeared, in thoroughly discrediting the burly sleuth. The jury laughed with McCarte and the crowd.

Caprio was getting angrier with every question. His flabby face was purple. He leaned forward in the witness chair and it seemed another crack by the lawyers would cause the detective to leap from the stand.

Q. Where was this razor before you gave it to Mr. Simpson? A. At my house in Long Branch.

Q. As a public spirited Christian, you told Mr. Simpson about this

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Hall Killings Laid To Personal Devil By Rev. Dr. Straton

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One reader, who has been keeping up with my series of articles on the Hall-Mills case, wants to know whether, in my judgment, there is a personal devil, and if so, whether he was the real instigator of the vices and crimes involved in this case.

My answer to that question is emphatically "yes, there is a personal devil, and he at last is the greatest culprit in the Hall-Mills case."

Jesus Christ taught clearly the existence of a devil—a real person, not a mere influence. He called him "the father of lies," and having met him in a personal encounter on the Mount of Temptation—one personality contending with another—Jesus knew that he was real. Furthermore, the only true ground for optimism is belief in a personal devil.



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Refers to War Massacres

When thinking about the wrongs and infamies of such a case as that which is now attracting our attention, we need to think also of some of the larger and even more diabolical occurrences of our modern times, if we are to decide intelligently the question of whether or not there is a personal devil.

For example, during the World War more than a million Armenians, who were non-combatants, were massacred in cold blood, and a very large proportion of them were old men, women and little children.

Think of the case where the English soldiers, when they came rushing into a village which the Germans had just retreated from, found a little kitten nailed alive to a door, with the nails driven through its paws, and so arranged that when the kind-hearted English soldier who found the pitiful creature mewing and whining, drew out the nails, it exploded a bomb and killed him. Is that human? The craft and cruelty that could play upon the natural qualities of human sympathy for the suffering of a dumb animal, in order that a man's life might be destroyed, certainly must be diabolical.

Outrages Inspired, He Says

Think of the systematic outrages of women and children. Not

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MACK AND MARX—

Who Is the Chimpanzee?

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